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**Environment Department Offers Additional Free Water Well Testing
For Homeowners Near the Homestake Mill Site**

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is inviting well owners within a two-mile radius of the Homestake Uranium Mill Superfund Site to have their wells sampled for free for metals, major ions, radionuclides and general water chemistry.

As part of NMED's ongoing efforts to assess groundwater quality near the Homestake site and to monitor the effectiveness of the remediation system there, the Department conducted domestic well sampling in the area in September. In all, 34 wells were tested and those results are now being compiled. Results, along with an explanatory letter, will be sent to well owners shortly.

For people who were unaware of the initial water well testing, or who did not have their wells tested, NMED is offering additional free water well sampling. Please contact Jake Ingram by January 19, 2005 at 505-827-0039, or 1-800-219-6157 to request domestic well testing.

For more information or for press inquiries, please contact Adam Rankin, NMED Communications Director, (505) 827-0314.

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